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DIVERSION/DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 8, 2007

TIME: 9:00am – 10:00am

LOCATION: Four Points by Sheraton San Francisco Bay Bridge
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AGENDA**1.0 COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

1.1 Approve/Not Approve: Minutes of January 11, 2007

2.0 ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM**2.1 Information Only: Enforcement Program Update and Statistics**

Attached are the Enforcement Program statistics for the first seven months of the fiscal year (July 2006 through January 2007).

Projections indicate that 63% of all disciplinary matters will be settled by stipulated agreement, which would be the highest percentage on record. Conversely, projections indicate that only 12% of all disciplinary matters will go to administrative hearing, which would be the lowest percentage on record.

The number of accusations filed is projected to be at or near to the highest number on record (339). The number of licenses surrendered or revoked is projected to be 53% of all disciplinary actions, and the number placed on probation (including those with suspension time) is projected to be 40%. The number of cases pending at the Attorney General's (AG's) Office has decreased since the last report. However, this number continues to be higher than in prior years.

NEXT STEP:

Continue to monitor statistics, with special emphasis on the increasing caseload at the Attorney General's Office. Additionally, the Enforcement Program is monitoring the caseload and the number of hours being used by the Division of Investigation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY: None.

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ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE
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1.0 Meeting with National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

On February 1st, Enforcement Program staff, as well as staff from two other units, met with Nur Rajwany and Sandy Rhodes, who are information technology consultants/staff with the NCSBN. The meeting concerned a discussion of the NCSBN database known as "Nursys." Nursys has multiple uses, including as a member board database of disciplinary action information for licensees. The Enforcement Program staff in attendance included the program manager, analyst Dawn Kammerer, and Office Technician Kristie Powell. The Program Manager provided an overview of Enforcement Program workflow. Enforcement staff raised questions and concerns regarding aspects of the database system. Other issues raised included the transfer of information from the Nursys database to the federal database known as the "HIPDB." The NCSBN staff were very receptive to suggestions provided by Enforcement Program staff, and invited staff to participate in the near future with implementation testing of their updated Nursys database.

3.0 DIVERSION/PROBATION PROGRAMS

- 3.1 Information Only: Diversion Program Update and Statistics
- 3.2 Information Only: Probation Program Update and Statistics
- 3.3 Diversion Evaluation Committee Members
 - (a) Approve/Not Approve: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Appointments
 - (b) Information Only: Diversion Evaluation Committee Member Resignations

4.0 OPEN FORUM

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